

Gandhi Well Ahead in State Vote in India

By William Claiborne
Washington Post Service

NEW DELHI — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's governing Congress (I) Party was poised Wednesday to claim majorities in all but three of the 10 states of India and one union territory holding state legislative elections.

Early results indicated Mr. Gandhi would consolidate the political base he set for himself in December's landslide parliamentary election.

In many state races, the Congress Party appeared assured of two-thirds majorities or even greater, burying opposition parties demoralized and divided by the early parliamentary rout.

While results from some states that split polling between Saturday and Tuesday were still incomplete late Wednesday, Congress (I) had taken irreversible leads in the Hindi-speaking belt that stretches across northern India, and had won a stunning three-fourths majority

in the state assembly of Madhya Pradesh, in central India.

As expected, the Congress party lost in the southern states of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, where linguistic pride and regionalism run strong, and in the tiny Himalayan state of Sikkim, where a former Congress (I) chief minister who was dismissed for party discipline 10 months ago led a rebel party to victory.

In the mid-southern state of Maharashtra, of which Bombay is the capital, Mr. Gandhi's party was running nearly 2-1 ahead of the opposition.

In Andhra Pradesh, Mr. Rama Desam Party led by N.T. Rama Rao, a former film idol, appeared assured of a two-thirds majority, while Congress (I) was struggling to win enough seats to remain a recognizable opposition party.

The opposition Janata Party was assured of its majority in Karnataka when it won 113 of the first 160 seats declared.

The Congress Party won solidly

in the union territory of Pondicherry and was assured of overwhelming victories in Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh.

In violence accompanying the elections, at least 50 persons were reported killed in campaign and election-day clashes in the 10 states and one union territory voting. Elections were suspended in scores of districts after assaults on candidates or because of "booth capturing," in which party workers seize polling stations and either destroy ballot boxes or stuff them with bogus ballots.

In Andhra Pradesh, Mr. Rama Rao's linguistic-based Telugu Desam party soundly defeated Congress (I) for the third time in two years and consolidated its position as the most formidable opposition party in the country. Telugu Desam removed Mr. Gandhi's party for the first time since independence in January 1983 state elections and again in December's national parliamentary elections, and later

He appeared to have won a bigger national role for himself and a better position from which to begin his planned national opposition party, which he has said will push for decentralization of power and more state autonomy.

The campaigns in two of India's 22 states, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh, were dominated by large-scale student protests against a quota system in which more than half of the admissions to universities are reserved by statute for students of the so-called backward castes.

Student protesters, saying in reality 70 percent of university openings are reserved for backward castes and tribes, forced the closing of many colleges and led statewide strikes, but for the most part the political parties discreetly stepped off the issue.



An Indian voter in the western state of Rajasthan. The Associated Press

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Poles Apparently Accepting Another Food Price Increase

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take place, but he stopped short of calling for a revival of the canceled strike.

Although Mr. Wales had called off the threatened strike 36 hours in advance, the government spokesman, Jerzy Urban, nevertheless later portrayed it as a "failure." Contending that relatively few workers had gotten word of the cancellation, Mr. Urban said that the general absence of factory protests meant that workers simply did not respond to Solidarity's call, a claim the outlawed union disputes.

Acknowledging how the higher prices would affect consumers, Mr. Urban said that they would remove a total of 125 billion zlotys (\$905 million) from their pockets. If so, that will put a sizable dent in the state's 138-billion-zloty budget deficit and offset nearly half the 302 billion zlotys now spent on food subsidies each year.

At the same time, Mr. Urban insisted, the new food prices will raise the overall cost of living this year by only 3 percent. He acknowledged that this low estimate is a figure that "public opinion will not believe," and some observers agreed that his conclusions were difficult to accept.

In a detailed analysis of the Polish economy issued last week through the underground press, Solidarity said that it is doubtful that Polish consumers could bear the added burden of higher food costs.

Since 1982, when the government raised food prices 150 percent "under the shield of martial law," the overall cost of living has grown 420 percent while real income has fallen 24 percent. Solidarity said, describing it as "a situation unique in Europe."

While there is little evidence of real hunger in Poland, many Poles are eating less. Relying on official figures, Solidarity said that per capita food consumption has fallen 15 percent since 1979, now that a typical family spends half or more of its income on food.

At the same time, the analysis said, the state bureaucracy has grown 29 percent over the last four years, much of it due to a huge corps of workers hired to administer the food rationing system.

Move to Prolong U.K. Coal Strike Appears to Fail

(The Associated Press)
LONDON — Resistance to the end of the British coal strike crumbled Wednesday when hardliners were unable to prevent a return to work at all but a few of the mines where they had succeeded a day earlier.

More than 92 percent of the country's 186,000 miners were back at work Wednesday, the National Coal Board reported. On Tuesday, the official end of Britain's longest and bloodiest national walkout, about 26,000 miners, or nearly 15 percent, had held out.

The holdouts had been demanding amnesty for about 700 miners dismissed for criminal offenses during the 51-month strike, which had started in protest against planned mine closures, or were refusing to cross picket lines set up by militants refusing to end the strike.

In Scotland, where the area leadership voted late Sunday to hold out for amnesty, a conference of shop stewards in Edinburgh reversed the decision Wednesday and ordered the men back to work.

WORLD BRIEFS

Garn Reassigned to Discovery Mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — Senator Jake Garn of Utah, who was to have flown into space this week aboard the shuttle Challenger, will be in the crew of a Discovery mission later this month, the space agency announced Wednesday.

The entire crew of this week's canceled shuttle mission, with the exception of a French physician, Patrick Baudry, was named to the crew of the Discovery flight. The mission will combine some of the tasks both the Challenger crew and the original Discovery crew. Dr. Baudry was reassigned to a longer shuttle flight in June. That will give him seven days in which to conduct a series of medical experiments.

Senator Garn, a Republican, will make the flight as a congressional observer, a role he was to have played on the flight that was canceled because of a design defect in a tracking and data relay satellite Challenger was to carry.

Lange Warns Moscow on Propaganda

SINGAPORE (UPI) — Prime Minister David Lange of New Zealand said Wednesday he has warned the Soviet Union against attempting propaganda gains using New Zealand's anti-nuclear stance and expanding its interests in Southeast Asia.

"I have called the Soviet ambassador in New Zealand to my office and told him that our government specifically rejects any voice of comment from them," Mr. Lange said. "We will not accept it. It is misleading and disinformation."

Asked if the Soviet Union also was cautioned not to expand its military interests in Vietnam, Mr. Lange said: "We have already taken that step. We have also had personal meetings with the Soviet ambassador, but we will not seek a promise from the Soviet Union."

Australia Reveals New Caledonia Plot

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Four men were charged Wednesday with hostile actions against the government of New Caledonia, an Australian counterintelligence agent seized money and an arms cache, a raid on a Brisbane house.

New Caledonia, a French island territory in the southwest Pacific, has been upset by civil disturbances between the native Melanesians who want independence and European settlers who oppose it. A federal police spokesman said that agents of the Australian Security Intelligence Organization and police found shotguns, automatic rifles and ammunition hidden in 44-gallon (166-liter) drums during a raid Tuesday on a house at Yatia, 43 miles (70 kilometers) south of Brisbane.

The spokesman said three men were charged with accumulating arms and ammunition for the purpose of engaging in hostile activity against the government of New Caledonia. A fourth man was charged with giving money to another person to commit an offense in connection with the case. The names of the suspects were not released.

East Germans Said to Seek Return

BERLIN (Reuters) — East Germany said Wednesday that more than 20,000 former citizens now living in the West had applied to return for complaining of unemployment, loneliness and misery in the capital.

The daily newspaper Neues Deutschland published what it said were extracts from about 80 letters to the country's leaders asking permission to return. "The Foreign Ministry is ordered to consider the application it said. Most of those cited were manual workers. Others include doctor, several technical workers and a schoolgirl who said she deserved by her parents' hopes.

At least 40,000 East Germans have left in the last year — the biggest wave of emigration since the Communist authorities built the Berlin Wall in 1961, dividing the city and finally sealing the border. Western diplomats said the temporary relaxation of strict visa regulations appeared to have encouraged further applications to emigrate, many from people key areas of the economy.

Greece to Buy U.S., French Fighters

ATHENS (AP) — Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou said Wednesday Greece has signed letters of intent for the purchase of 40 U.S.-made F-16C and 40 French-made Mirage 2000 jet fighters to update its force.

Greece may also buy an additional 20 combat aircraft at a later date said the prime minister, who also serves as defense minister. The aircraft purchase is expected to total around \$2 billion. Mr. Papandreou said Greece also plans to build four new frigates for its navy and five land craft at Greek shipyards.

"Our country is under a permanent, continuing, intense threat from our neighbor and ally, Turkey," said Mr. Papandreou. "This specific problem isn't recognized even within the framework of the Atlantic alliance."

For the Record

A former board chairman of United American Bank of Knoxville, Tennessee, Jake F. Butcher, and two associates, Jesse A. Barr and George Ridenour Jr., have been indicted on tax fraud charges, the Justice Department announced Wednesday.

The trial of the Philippines armed forces chief, General Fabian C. V. Aquino, and 25 others for the murder of the opposition leader, Benigno S. Aquino Jr., was suspended Wednesday for the second time in two weeks because of a lack of witnesses.

The U.S. State Department hailed on Wednesday what it called a dramatic improvement in U.S. ties with Mozambique and said that U.S. policy was aimed at reducing Soviet influence in the Marxist nation in southern Africa.

A jury at London's Old Bailey Court on Wednesday found P. Kavanagh, 29, of Belfast guilty of the murder of three people in London bombings during a 1981 campaign by Irish guerrillas. A sentence will be announced later.

The U.S. Senate has confirmed President Ronald Reagan's three negotiators for the U.S.-Soviet arms control negotiations beginning in Geneva on March 12. They are Max M. Kampelman, a Washington lawyer; John G. Tower, a former U.S. senator from Texas; and Maynard G. LeBlanc, a career diplomat.

Iceland's 5,000 fishermen have gone back to work after the government intervened to end a 15-day strike that had paralyzed the country's big industry. The fishermen had demanded an 80-percent monthly wage increase but settled for a 30-percent increase.

In Palm Beach, Florida, a freighter, the Mercedes I, which had been beached behind a seaside home since a November storm, was hauled Wednesday and salvage officials said it would eventually be sunk as an artificial reef.

Governor Robert D. Orr of Indiana is suing the U.S. House Representatives over its refusal to seat Richard D. McElroy, a Republican who is the certified winner of a disputed Indiana congressional election over the incumbent Democrat, Frank X. McCloskey.

Voters in Burlington, Vermont's largest city, handed the nation's Socialist mayor, Bernard Sanders, a second re-election victory. At least 10 communities approved resolutions calling for immediate action against acid rain.

Veto Is Likely On Farm Bill

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budget priorities and adopting a veto strategy. The Senate can be counted on to sustain such vetoes.

To an unusual degree, Democrats in both houses of Congress have presented a united front in the face of veto threats. Many believe that the more they help publicize problems in the rural United States, the more they can tarnish the president.

Administration officials concede they are worried that increasing exposure of farmers' plight means increasing political danger to the president. "No question that a veto will certainly heighten the risk," said Edward J. Rollins, a presidential assistant.

The officials say that so far, Mr. Reagan's political rating has not been touched by the farmers' anger. They cite a recent survey of rural areas in eight farm states by Richard B. Wirthlin that showed the president's popularity ratings at more than 60 percent, and higher among farmers than nonfarmers.

replied: "No. And I don't think you'll ever get him to say he wouldn't do it."

Max Friedersdorf, the White House congressional liaison director, said: "I don't see any diminution of the president's stand on that remains very, very firm on defense. You can't expect a wink or a smile; that would be a last resort."

Senate Panel Votes to Trim Arms Budget by \$79 Billion

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down without a Republican consensus for a month.

Cuts to Be Considered

Jack Nelson of the Los Angeles Times reported from Washington:

The White House chief of staff, Donald T. Regan, said Mr. Reagan "would have to" consider any cuts approved by Congress.

Mr. Regan's comment is the first indication the president might accept military cuts if approved by a bipartisan congressional majority. It may be the "wink" Republicans senators say they need from the White House before voting on a budget package that would include further military cuts.

Mr. Regan suggested that the president himself would not publicly acknowledge that he might accept additional military spending reductions. Asked whether the president would consider a \$10-billion cut if approved by a bipartisan majority, Mr. Regan said: "I suppose he'd take a look at it. He would have to."

Reminded that the president has never said he would consider accepting such reductions, Mr. Regan

2 U.S. Justices, Senate Get Threatening Letter

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Two Supreme Court justices and Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato, Republican of New York, have received identical threatening letters "to kill you dead," according to the FBI Bureau of Investigation.

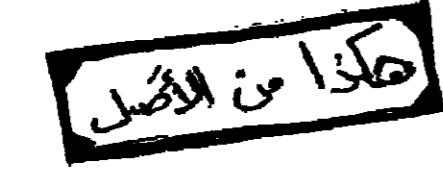
The letters were received by D'Amato, Justice Harry A. Blackmun and Justice Lewis F. Powell at about the same time a gun came through a window in Blackmun's apartment in Arlington, Virginia, on Thursday. Baker, a spokesman for the FBI, said Tuesday.

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MESSAGE FOR MOSCOW — Protesters in New York stage a sit-in at the Soviet Mission to the United Nations to protest the treatment of Soviet Jews, which protest organizers called "a new wave of anti-Semitism and barbarism." About 180 people, 120 of them rabbis, were arrested for disorderly conduct after crossing a police line.

Farm Crisis Burns Through the Prairie

In 10 States, Hot Lines Are Busy With Calls for Help

By Ward Sinclair
Washington Post Service

WALTHILL, Nebraska — There's a fire burning here on the prairie, the fire of a farm economy in deep trouble, but one would never know it for all the outward tranquillity.

But when you come to the old hotel in Walthill and go up to the second-floor offices where Judy Dye holds forth, the smell of the prairie fire becomes pervasive.

"Have you ever sat down, Tom, and worked out just what you want to happen?" she is saying to the farmer at the other end of the telephone line.

"O.K.," she said. "Let's get you some immediate help — the heck with Legal Aid. I would definitely see a bankruptcy attorney. Yes, it's like going to a specialist in medicine."

Every day is like this for Ms. Dye. Having been through a farm foreclosure herself, she knows the emotion and distress that drive farmers to call her.

Farm crisis hot lines, now set up in at least 10 states, are a phenomenon of the economic distress in agriculture. The hot lines, financed through churches, rural advocacy groups, contributions and some public money, are part of a new network that is showing farmers where they can turn for help, if there is any hope of help.

The Nebraska hot line was started last October and Ms. Dye has had little rest since.

"The callers are getting more desperate, because their notes are coming due," she said. "The rural banks seem to be our prime problem. What we're hearing now is that they're really tightening up, even on farmers who aren't overdue, and leaving them no money to pay all their local bills. That is what is going to bring so many of them down."

Not all of this involves money, however. As Ms. Dye explained, the trauma of losing a farm that has been in a family for generations is making flinders of rural

strength. The results are estranged children, marital breakups, alcohol and physical abuse, depression of the spirit.

"I see a real correlation between the breakup of the farm and the breakup of the marriage," she said. "Believe me, I've been there."

"We find that quite often the man gets in a quandary over the problem," she added. "He becomes immobilized. The woman assumes a role she's never had before and she becomes very angry at the husband, angry that she is the one who is carrying on because he can't."

The farm crisis hot lines, wherever they are, produce messages that sound like broken records.

Over in Iowa, at Rural America's Des Moines office it was late in the evening and Dan Levitas, who has manned the hot line for more than two years, responded to a call. A farmer, tentative and afraid, wanted to know what could be done to combat pressure from his Production Credit Association, which was ordering him to sell out.

Mr. Levitas heard him out and treated him softly and kindly. The farmer's wife came on the line to write down the names of lawyers and farmer-counselors. She wrote down what Mr. Levitas told them about the credit association's apparent abuse of its rules.

"We're getting a lot of these PCA calls," Mr. Levitas told the family. "They want to make you feel that this is your fault. It isn't your fault, and there are a number of things you can do to deal with this."

Mr. Levitas sighed deeply and shrugged after he hung up the phone.

"That was fairly typical," he said, "but each call has a mix of emotional distress and information need. Of course, we also get calls involving very serious emotional stress, the threat of suicide or family trouble. We just learned the other day that in three counties of southwest Iowa, suicides are up 38 percent."

"This whole thing is blowing families apart," he said, "and who knows when it will end."

U.S. May Ask Asians to Assist Nicaraguan Rebels

By Bernard Weinraub
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The White House is considering a bid to friendly Asian countries to help channel aid to the Nicaraguan guerrillas, according to a Reagan administration official.

The official said Tuesday that the request was being weighed along with other means of supporting the rebels, as the Reagan administration seeks to persuade Congress to release \$14 million in covert funds for the rebels.

Another official said the administration was also considering more joint military exercises with Honduras and an increased concentration of naval power off the Nicaraguan coast to step up pressure on the country's Sandinist government.

Another possibility being weighed by the administration is to help the rebels in the form of "humanitarian aid," such as food and medicine.

In the last few weeks, President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of State George P. Shultz have begun to press for congressional action in support of the guerrillas. Congress voted last year to halt further distribution of covert aid, but it allocated \$14 million, saying that the money could not be released until Congress voted to do so after Feb. 28. The measure is expected to be taken up in April.

"We have got some very good ideas" from Capitol Hill, the administration official said. "And I would think that by the end of the week we will have a legislative formula which we will seek to promote between now and the end of April."

Legislators have voiced doubts about the use of third countries to channel American aid to the guerrillas, but one official termed this a "promising" possibility and said that "Asian countries" were under consideration. The countries were not identified.

It was left unclear whether the Asian countries were to pass on aid provided directly by the United States or assist the rebels out of their own resources.

The official who spoke about having Asian countries assist the guerrillas said the White House was considering not only those with military ties to the United States, but also those "where we don't have any military assistance programs."

"There are countries that might have an interest in freedom wherever it might be," he said. "They

might be inclined to provide money."

According to law, countries purchasing equipment and weapons from the United States are barred from transferring them to another country without approval. But congressional aides concede that the issue becomes fuzzy when a country receiving American economic aid sends money or other assistance to another country.

Although the official declined to identify the Asian states being considered, congressional aides said that countries such as Thailand and Taiwan could face congressional opposition — and to them could be held up — if they helped the Nicaraguan rebels.

Within recent months, Honduras and El Salvador are reported to have replaced the United States as sources of aid to the Nicaraguan rebels. At the same time Israel also

has reportedly increased its aid. All three countries, which have denied aiding the guerrillas, are dependent on U.S. aid.

Honduras Gets Transcripts

Nicaragua's leaders have delivered to Honduras top-secret transcripts of talks they held with the United States in Mexico last year, senior Honduran officials have disclosed, according to a Reuters report from Tegucigalpa, the Honduran capital.

Diplomats said the move was the latest indication of efforts by Nicaragua to improve relations with Honduras, the Reagan administration's closest ally in Central America. The two neighbor nations have at times appeared to be on the brink of war.

Top Honduran officials said Tuesday that the transcripts were handed to their Foreign Ministry three weeks ago, just before the

four-nation Contadora group of Latin American states, which is seeking a peace agreement in Central America, was to meet in Panama.

Honduran officials said that acceptance of the transcripts did not indicate the country was changing its anti-Sandinist position or moving away from the United States.

One Honduran official said that Nicaragua's stated intention in handing over the documents was "to show how difficult it is to hold talks with the United States."

Nicaraguan Dissident Freed
José Urbina Lara, 24, a Nicaraguan whose arrest Dec. 24 at the Costa Rican Embassy in Managua triggered the collapse of a regional peace meeting, was released Tuesday by the Nicaraguan authorities and sent into exile in Colombia, United Press International reported from Managua.

Apartment Blocks to Be Razored in Chile After Quake; Typhoid Warnings Issued

United Press International

ISTERING 7.3 on the open-ended Richter scale.

SANTIAGO — Officials in one Chilean city ordered the demolition Wednesday of apartment blocks damaged by the country's worst earthquake in 25 years. In another, they ordered mass vaccinations and warned of an outbreak of typhoid if water and electricity were not restored.

About 145 people were killed, 2,000 were injured and more than 165,000 were left homeless Sunday when the quake struck central Chile and its Pacific coastline, reg-

istering 7.3 on the open-ended Richter scale.

In the coastal cities of Valparaíso and San Antonio, most of the population slept in the streets in makeshift tents Tuesday night, for the third successive night, fearing the collapse of weakened buildings.

In the seaside resort of Viña del Mar, officials ordered the demolition of two blocks of heavily damaged eight-story buildings.

The mayor of San Antonio, Domingo García Huidobro, ordered officials to carry out mass vaccinations against typhoid.

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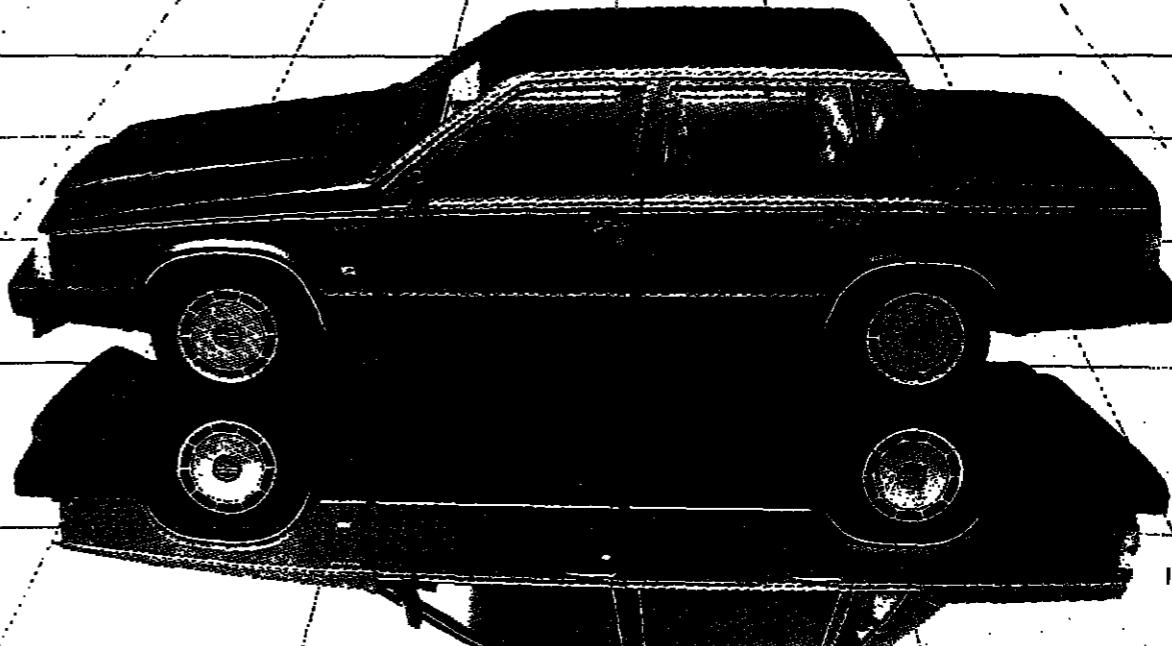
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U.S.-Japan Whaling Pact Is in Question

By Philip Smith
Washington Post Service

wide whaling ban that is to go into effect next year.

A Commerce Department spokesman said the Reagan administration plans to seek an immediate stay of the decision, pending an appeal.

"Obviously, we're jubilant," said Mark Cheater, wildlife legislative director of Greenpeace, a conservation group. "We feel it's a landmark victory for whale conservationists and a clear signal that pirate whaling is not tolerated by the United States."

The decision by Judge Charles R. Richey appears to overturn a U.S.-Japanese pact last fall that would have enabled the Japanese whaling industry to skirt a world-

wide whaling ban that is to go into effect next year.

A Commerce Department spokesman said the Reagan administration plans to seek an immediate stay of the decision, pending an appeal.

"It appears," Mr. Macnow said, "that Judge Richey was rather unaware or unconcerned that the whales hunted by Japan are no longer in danger of extinction or even depletion. Richey has an established reputation as an environment-oriented judge."

The dispute touches on sensitive issues of U.S.-Japanese trade relations and the role of Congress in

the application of U.S. foreign policy.

Greenpeace and 11 other conservation groups sued last year to block the agreement between the Commerce Department and Japan, contending that the pact was unlawful and too lenient.

The federal law involved is the Packwood-Magnuson amendment, added to the Fishery Conservation and Management Act in 1979. It provides that violators of International Whaling Commission restrictions are subject to a 50-percent cut in rights to fish in U.S. coastal waters.

Only that provision, according to conservationists, strengthens the whaling commission's hunting limits, since the 40-nation body has no enforcement power.

The Commerce Department argued before Judge Richey that Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige should decide whether and when to apply the sanctions by certifying a violation to the president.

Judge Richey disagreed, saying: "It is inconceivable to this court how the secretary can reconcile his decision not to certify . . . Japanese sperm whaling with the clear purpose, intent and history of the law as is charged with enforcing."

The International Whaling Commission voted in 1982 to declare a worldwide ban on commercial whale hunting effective next year. A ban on hunting sperm whales, effective this season, was approved as a first step.

The commission's action followed strong pressure from environmentalists. The scientific staff of the commission reached no agreement in its conclusions. Japan objected to the ban that, under the commission's rules, grants it an automatic exemption from the limit.

Last fall Japanese whalers began the new sperm-whale season, exempt from the international moratorium but subject to the Packwood-Magnuson sanctions.

By ordering the sanctions into effect, Mr. Macnow said, "Rickey is saying the Japanese cannot exercise a right contained in the treaty."

Bonn Opens Campaign To Widen East Bloc Ties

Genscher's Trips to 5 Capitals Is Called A Basic Shift in Diplomatic Tactics

By William Drozdiak
Washington Post Service

East Germany by making the Communist authorities there "feel the competition" from East bloc allies eager to reap the potential economic benefits of dealing with Bonn, officials said.

Last September, after several months of rapprochement between the two Germans at a time of protracted East-West tensions, the East German leader, Erich Honecker, bowed to Soviet pressure and canceled his long-awaited trip to West Germany. Later, Bulgaria's leader, Todor Zhivkov, also dropped plans to visit Bonn.

The experience reminded the Kohl government not only that it must work with Moscow if it hopes to restore détente with Eastern Europe, but that too much emphasis on the German-German relationship evokes poisonous suspicions throughout the rest of the East bloc.

Bonn officials said they realized now that the exaggerated expectations aroused by the glare of publicity on the two Germans only contributed to the pressures on Mr. Honecker to pack up.

Since that time, East Germany has acted with great caution in its approaches toward Bonn and has dutifully, if reluctantly, joined its East bloc allies in the campaign against Bonn's alleged territorial designs on Eastern Europe.

With East Germany still shying away from enhanced ties with Bonn, Poland has become one of the key priorities in West Germany's new diplomatic approaches toward the East bloc.

Last week, Chancellor Kohl sought to alleviate tensions with Warsaw by rebuking rightist members of his party who insist that postwar borders are still undecided and that Silesian areas of western Poland are still German. In his annual state of the nation address, Mr. Kohl said West Germany accepted present frontiers and would faithfully abide by its treaties signed with Soviet bloc states.

Chancellor Kohl's conciliatory statements prepared the ground for Mr. Genscher's six-hour stopover in Warsaw on Wednesday.

The visit is expected to lead to a full-fledged official visit soon by Mr. Genscher, who postponed a trip to Warsaw in November.

Radio Payola Is Back As Sales of Records Boom

By Robert Lindsey
New York Times Service

knows how much — goes for under-the-table payments to program directors and other executives at key radio stations in some cities.

Some of these "independent promoters," said Rick Sklar, an industry consultant and former program manager at station WABC in New York City, are largely "money conduits," who, by making regular payments to radio executives, total control over the stations' play lists.

James Carnegie, publisher of Radio Business Report, an industry newsletter published in Arlington, Virginia, said that "it's done mostly in cash" and appeared to involve millions of dollars annually in transactions between a "Malibù-like network" of independent promoters and employees of radio stations and record manufacturers.

Current and former employees in the radio industry corroborated these allegations, but spoke on condition that they not be identified.

Recording company executives said in interviews that they did not condone payoffs to station employees, if in fact they were being made. Radio executives said their rules prohibited such payoffs.

Independent promoters who were questioned either denied making the payments or refused to discuss the matter.

In Congress, the staff of the House subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations concluded last year that it could find no abuses, but many in the industry say that its investigation was superficial and missed evidence.

Allegations involving impropriety by some of the promoters have centered on two points:

First, money paid by some of the promoters has been used to bribe — with cash, drugs, automobiles, real estate and other items — employees of selected stations broadcasting the "Top 40" disks who agreed to add records that were not to their play lists or to report fictitious plays on the air.

Second, some independent promoters have kicked back portions of the money to employees of record companies.

In 1960, after disclosure that certain disk jockeys were accepting payments for playing new records, Congress banned the acceptance or payment of bribes designed to promote the broadcast of records. The term used to describe such payments brought a new word into the American lexicon: *payola*.

After those scandals, major stations took from disk jockeys the authority to select the records they broadcast and assigned it to specialists, known as program directors and music directors, who were prohibited from taking payoffs.

Although many in the industry acknowledge that *payola* was probably never fully extinguished, they say it has surged dramatically in the last two years because of a comeback at many FM radio stations of the "Top 40" format of broadcasting.

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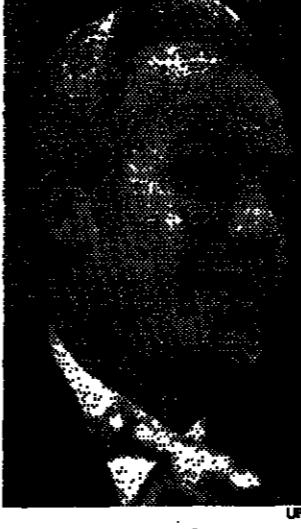
Game Limit Likely For Chess Match

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — The president of the World Chess Federation, Florencio Campomanes, says he is "almost 100 percent certain" the next world title match will be limited to 24 or 30 games, the official Soviet press agency said Wednesday.

Tass said Mr. Campomanes, a Filipino, stopped Tuesday in Moscow to talk with representatives of Anatoli Karpov, the world chess champion, and Gary Kasparov, the challenger. Their match was called off Feb. 15 after 48 games, with the score 5-3 in Mr. Karpov's favor, on the ground that both players were exhausted.

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Oleg G. Bitov

Soviet Editor Accuses CIA In Pope Case

Reuters

MOSCOW — A Soviet literary newspaper editor who returned to Moscow last year after defecting to Britain said Wednesday that Western agents kidnapped him to testify against a Bulgarian accused in a plot to kill Pope John Paul II.

Oleg G. Bitov, 53, wrote in the weekly Literaturnaya Gazeta that Western intelligence agents seized him in Italy after he uncovered signs that the West was behind the assassination attempt on the pope in May 1982.

Mr. Bitov disappeared while in Italy to report on the 1983 Venice Film Festival and later arrived in Britain. Last September he appeared at a Moscow press conference, at which he alleged that the British had abducted him after mistaking him for a spy.

He has since written in Literaturnaya Gazeta, of which he is cultural editor, that he was given mind-altering drugs and forced to write anti-Soviet articles for the British press.

Mr. Bitov said the Western agents wanted him to testify against Sergei I. Antonov, an official of Bulgaria's state airline in Rome, who was arrested in 1982 on suspicion of complicity in the attempt to kill the pope.

He wrote Wednesday: "Antonov's case is a villainous provocation organized by the CIA in alliance with the reactionary press and supported by efforts of Western special services to hide their involvement in the preparation of the attempt to assassinate Pope John Paul II."

Mr. Bitov said that inquiries made by Literaturnaya Gazeta and Bulgarian officials into the true circumstances had driven the plotters to the brink of exposure.

"So they then resorted to a new gangster-like method," he said. "They abducted the weekly's correspondent and for almost a year held him so as to force or bribe him to testify against Sergei Antonov and to slander Socialist countries."

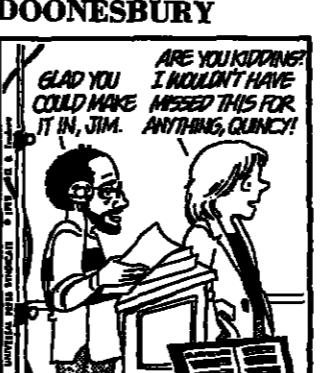
Mr. Bitov also wrote that Mr. Antonov was in poor health in prison, alleging that the Bulgarian was being given the same psychedelic drugs as British agents administered to himself.

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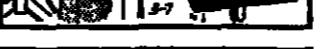
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BEAURAING, Belgium — Anarchist protesting the planned visit of Pope John Paul II to Belgium have torn off a statue of the Virgin Mary that draws an annual pilgrimage to this southern Belgian town. John Paul is due to pray at the shrine on May 18.

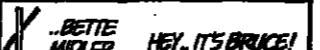
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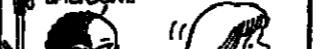
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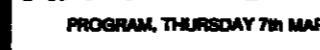
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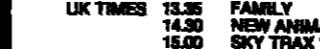
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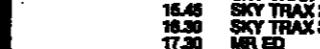
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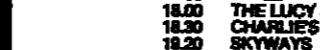
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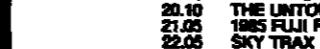
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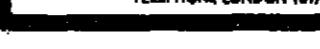
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Kim Greets Supporters as House Arrest Ends in Seoul

By John Burgess
Washington Post Service



Surrounded by supporters, Kim Dae Jung, center, embraces Kim Young Sam as the two opposition leaders celebrated South Korea's lifting of a ban on some of their activities.

East Germans by making communist authorities there eager to reap the potential benefits of dealing with officials said.

Last September, after months of rapprochement, the two Germans, at first protracted East-West negotiators, bowed to Soviet and canceled his longings to West Germany. Lateral dropped plan to visit Be-

The experience, though Kohl government not regressed work with Moscow to restore detente with Europe, but that too made the German-German ship evokes poison throughout the rest of the bloc.

Mr. Kim embraced Kim Young Sam, with whom he shares leadership of the opposition movement. The two men said they would put aside past rivalries and work together to "restore democracy" in South Korea.

President Chun Doo Hwan's decision to ease up on the two Kims and the other leaders is the latest in a series of cautious concessions he has made to the opposition.

The move comes three weeks after a new opposition party loyal to the Kims swept South Korea's cities in National Assembly elections.

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A Deficit's Consequences

The American trade deficit is widening again, the January figures show. Last year's deficit was a record by a wide margin, with imports running \$123 billion ahead of exports. This year, with the dollar's exchange rate higher than ever, it will probably be even larger. Trade deficits on this scale are unprecedented in economic history, and no one really knows what the full effect will be. But important changes in the traditional patterns of American trade are becoming visible.

It is not only that the volume of imports is larger than it has ever been. The composition of those imports is also quite different. Until a couple of years ago, America imported chiefly consumer goods and oil; it exported capital goods—mostly industrial and business equipment, usually at the high end of the technology ladder—and farm products. But within the past two years America has changed from an exporter of capital goods to an importer.

Still more startling, the imported equipment increasingly comes from the most advanced areas of technology. Stephen S. Roach, an economist for Morgan Stanley, the investment banking firm, points out that last summer, the latest three months for which detailed figures are available, the United States imported \$69 billion worth of capital goods (excluding cars and trucks) and that nearly two-thirds of it was

classified as high technology. What was it specifically? Computers, office machinery, communications equipment and instruments.

A tremendous boom of private business investment in computing and communications equipment began about a decade ago. With the high dollar, the proportion of this equipment supplied from abroad has been rising dramatically. Does this mean that U.S. producers in these crucial fields are becoming less competitive? Not necessarily. Much of this imported gear is being produced abroad by American companies, with American technology and management but foreign labor. The United States, in the geographical sense, is no longer a dominant source of supply for advanced electronics as it was earlier in this decade, but the American companies that make these products are another matter. The trade numbers alone do not tell much about their standing, for the companies are now operating with little regard for national boundaries.

The huge trade deficit means that America is living well, for the present on a flood of goods for which it has not paid. This is a pleasant time for consumers. But the wave of imports is changing the structure of American industry, and the effects are no longer limited to aging factories with obsolescent technology.

—THE WASHINGTON POST.

Help Latin Democrats

With the inauguration of President Julio María Sanguineti on March 1, democracy has been restored to Uruguay after nearly 13 years. Uruguay becomes the sixth South American country in less than six years to shed military rule, and further progress is on the way. On March 15 an inauguration in Brasilia will end 21 years of military rule in Latin America's biggest nation. The constitutional current that began in the Andes has triumphantly swept eastward to the Atlantic.

Uruguay's democrats, like others across the continent, inherit a difficult legacy of repression, recession and debt. But its people are also buoyed by a belief that there is nowhere to go but up. They launched democracy's return in 1981 by daring to reject at the polls the military's offer of an authoritarian constitution.

Some military regimes, Brazil's in particular, brought economic development, but in the end they have all proved political and financial

failures. Everywhere the democrats are being served with the bills for the generals' excesses. That is unfair, but private bankers, and even the International Monetary Fund, cannot be expected to give much weight to unfairness. For Washington, however, the political goal of sustaining democracy should be primary.

Any of the presidents assembled in Montevideo last Friday could elaborate on the particulars. They stagger under the burdens placed on them by their high interest rates and the strong dollar. They need fresh infusions of public and private capital to offset the flow of funds to the United States. And they know that undue pressure for austerity could compromise democratic survival.

The Reagan administration, with its power to complicate or ease the Latin democracies' plight, expresses pleasure at the democratic developments. It needs to do more than that.

—THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Fight Narcotics at Home

The latest reports indicate that Colombia's war on the drug trade may be faltering. This is ominous, since Colombia is the funnel of most of the South American cocaine that flows to the United States and Europe.

Spurred by the assassination of its minister of justice, Colombia conducted a prodigious anti-trafficker campaign last year, losing 140 policemen to gunmen and starting to extradite major suspects to the United States since drug-bought corruption immunizes them from prosecution at home. Yet a fugitive trafficking suspect has just proclaimed his defiance of Colombian law on local television, and identified coca planting as a patriotic protest against "American imperialism." A new study by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives concludes about Colombia that it has "not yet demonstrated a serious resolve to confront the major traffickers."

Certainly Colombia and other countries involved in the drug trade have a heavy responsibility. The burden on them is not of their own making. It results from the immense demand for drugs generated primarily by the U.S. market. Still, neither the source of their discomfort, nor the difficulty of the task relieves them of the obligation to enforce the law vigorously.

At the same time, as the House Foreign Affairs study, "U.S. Narcotics Control Programs Overseas: An Assessment," makes clear, the United States is itself lagged. The

—THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Opinion

Disruption Is Unprecedented

The Worldwatch Institute has taken a second look at the "State of the World" and found new reason to be concerned about the population growth that is straining resources. It postulates that "human population growth may now be driving climate change." The evidence is strongest in Africa. But there are implications for every part of the Earth as tropical forests are depleted, arable lands turned to deserts, temperate-zone forests de-

pleted by overharvesting and pollution. "Although human activities have always altered the natural environment, the scale of disruptions in the late 20th century is unprecedented," Lester R. Brown, the project director, concludes. There is no doubt about the message: Society as it exists around the world today will not survive unless leaders pay more attention to resources and undertake the costly, complex task of "restoring the natural systems that ultimately sustain all societies."

—The Los Angeles Times.

FROM OUR MARCH 7 PAGES, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1910: Boxer Dies After London Bout
LONDON—Curly Watson, the former middleweight champion of the army and navy, who hailed from Chatham and who was knocked out by Frank Inglis, middleweight of Birmingham, in a boxing contest at Whitechapel, died at about 1:30 yesterday morning [March 6]. For nine rounds, Watson was a good leader on points. In the tenth round Inglis sent his opponent to the floor with a right-hand swing on the jaw. Watson arose, but Inglis put the right hard on him again. Still Watson came up. Then an upper cut put him down for the full count. He was carried to his corner unconscious. Two doctors were summoned. By their orders Watson was carried to the dressing-room, where every effort was made to restore animation, but without effect. Inglis was arrested by the police.

—THE WASHINGTON POST.

1935: Dollar Talk Scares Wall Street
WASHINGTON—The New York Stock Exchange was given a mid-day inflationary whirl [on March 6] as a result of a news agency misinterpreting the remarks of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. It was not until a White House statement was issued, giving assurance that no further devaluation of the dollar was contemplated, that the market returned to its routine. During a press conference, the President was asked if he felt the time had come to stabilize commodity prices. He said they were still too low to relieve the debt structure. Asked if this meant a further dollar devaluation, the President laughed and shook his head. As a result, a news agency reported that the President felt that the dollar was not sufficiently low, rather than that the price of commodities is not sufficiently high.

—THE WASHINGTON POST.

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Sweat Bees' Anti-Aphrodisiac Studied

WASHINGTON — Watching a male sweat bee mate with a female sweat bee, Penelope Kukuk, a Cornell University entomologist, noticed that, once they had mated, the female seemed to lose her appeal to male bees.

Dr. Kukuk knew it had been suspected that male sweat bees could recognize and remember the odors of their mates, she reported in *Science* magazine. But the males would have to learn an incredible number of odors to avoid their past mates.

Since male sweat bees also tend to avoid females that have mated with other males, Dr. Kukuk suspected that the males might deposit a pheromone after mating, an odor or liquid that would be a signal to other male bees — in effect, an anti-aphrodisiac.

With the aid of Professor George Eickwort, Dr. Kukuk treated nylon models of sweat bees with varying concentrations of the odor of female bees, extracted from dead bees. The stronger the concentration, the more males were attracted, but once a model was visited by a male, the number of suitors fell dramatically.

Hearts Kept Alive After Brain Death

OSAKA, Japan (UPI) — A team of Osaka University medical experts say they have kept the hearts of "brain-dead" patients alive for up to 54 days. The team said at a meeting of researchers in Osaka that it was the world's first such experiment.

The experts, led by Dr. Toshiyuki Sugimoto, said they kept six hearts alive for between 9 and 54 days with the aid of a hormone that maintains a certain level of blood pressure. Normally, the heart stops beating a few days after the brain's death.

Carbohydrate Snack for Some Dieters

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts (AP) — One candy bar a day or an energy muffin as part of a low-calorie diet should satisfy the brain's need for carbohydrates and could help people lose weight, according to a study at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

About half of all fat people crave sugar or starch and eat between-meal snacks because these foods increase levels of brain chemicals that improve their moods, said Dr. Judith Wurtman, who conducted the latest in a series of studies of the subject with her husband, Dr. Richard Wurtman. The study was published in the *International Journal of Eating Disorders*.

Judith Wurtman said people who "clearly are eating the food because of a biological need to improve their feelings" can lose weight if they go on diets that let them satisfy their cravings. She suggests a low-calorie diet and that an individual can train his people seeking to satisfy their carbohydrate craving.

It is not clear, however, that the deterioration of the reach of taste or smell that the laws of physics suspended across bread, tea and that an individual can train his people seeking to satisfy their carbohydrate craving.

Prenatal X-Ray Cancer Link Backed

BOSTON (AP) — Children exposed to medical X-rays in the womb face about two and a half times the usual risk of cancer, and even low doses of radiation may be harmful to the unborn, according to a study at the National Cancer Institute. The researchers said their findings might potentially award one-half used for setting radiation exposure standards for pregnant women.

The effects of prenatal radiation have been the subject of decades of debate. Though the latest research found a statistical link, it did not conclusively prove that low-level radiation during pregnancy increases the odds of cancer later.

"I don't think anything definitive can be said from this study because of the small numbers involved," said Dr. Elizabeth B. Harvey, the research director. The study, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, was the first conducted on twins. Doctors once routinely used X-rays to see if women were carrying twins.

Amniocentesis Substitute Developed

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Michigan scientists are working on a cheaper, less-complicated substitute for amniocentesis, a technique used to check a fetus for inherited abnormalities such as Down's syndrome.

The new test involves taking a blood sample from the mother and isolating cells from the fetus that migrate into the mother's bloodstream. The test can be done when the fetus is eight weeks old.

The two Michigan State University professors who developed the test, however, say the analysis takes hours, so it is not yet practical for general use. Dr. Harold Miller, one of the two, said the researchers were working on reducing the time needed for the test to five minutes, using lasers and a computer system.

Stocks Jittery in Slower Trading

NEW YORK — Prices on the New York Stock Exchange were rapidly losing ground last Wednesday as investors weighed new testimony by the Federal Reserve chairman, Paul Volcker.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 10.71 to 1,281.14 about an hour before the close.

Although prices in tables on these pages are from the 4 P.M. close in New York, for time reasons this article is based on the market at 3 P.M.

Declines led advances by a 9-to-5 ratio among the 555 issues traded.

Volume amounted to about 94.57 million shares, compared with 98.24 million in the like period Tuesday.

In new testimony Wednesday, Mr. Volcker said a sharp decline in the dollar would endanger the present economic situation. However he did not predict a decline in the dollar and again called for cuts in the federal budget deficit.

Mr. Volcker told the House Budget Committee present conditions do not allow for easing of credit controls. He said he did not know what credit stance the Fed would adopt in the future. He repeated that the Fed stopped easing and said that does not mean it is tightening.

Alfred Harris of Josephthal & Co., St. Louis, said the modest retreat of the past few sessions is a prelude to another move toward and finally through 1,300.

Had the Volcker testimony indicated interest rates will not go much higher due to

SCIENCE

World's Sweetest Substance Could Be Key in Taste Research

By Sandra Blakeslee
New York Times Service

LOS ANGELES — The three-dimensional structure of the sweetest substance known has been determined, a feat that promises to shed light on how the molecules of widely different compounds, including natural sugars, artificial sweeteners, amino acids and inorganic compounds such as formaldehyde, can elicit a sweet taste.

The compound, thaumatin, comes from the katembe bush, which grows in West African rain forests. Its structure, full of wildly shaped loops, is described in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The research was led by Sung-

hon Kim, a chemistry professor at the University of California at Berkeley. He was assisted by Marcos Hsia and Abraham de Vos.

Of all the senses, taste is the least understood. An enormous variety of widely different compounds, including natural sugars, artificial sweeteners, amino acids and inorganic compounds such as formaldehyde, can elicit a sweet taste.

A compound tastes sweet when some of its molecules bind to sweet receptors on taste buds, on the tongue. The receptors initiate nerve impulses to the brain, which recognizes the stimulus as an encounter with something sweet.

A barrier to studying sweetness

has been that it takes a lot of most sweet compounds to elicit a sweet taste. Sugar and saccharin, for example, will bind to many receptors on the tongue, including those for temperature and pressure, as well as to the sweetness receptors.

But the taste buds can detect

thaumatin as sweet at extremely

low concentrations. Molecule for molecule, it is 100,000 times sweeter than table sugar and 600 times

sweeter than aspartame, the major ingredient of the artificial sweetener known as Nutrasweet or Canderel. The taste buds can detect thaumatin at the same concentration as that at which hormones are

active, one molecule in a million.

To study taste receptors, Profes-

sor Kim said, the receptors must be stimulated with pure, active chemical compounds of known structure and shape. Thaumatin is the first such substance to be described in this fashion. It is a protein that belongs to a rare class called taste-active proteins. Most proteins have little or no taste.

The large thaumatin molecule

consists of 207 amino acids. Using X-ray crystallography, in which a crystal of thaumatin was X-rayed and its atomic structure deduced from the patterns observed, Professor Kim and his colleagues learned that the molecule had two structural features: long sheets of amino acids, resembling the slats of a flattened wine barrel, and two regions of complicated loops.

Professor Kim said the loops were structurally similar to other protein structures, such as snake venom and ragweed pollen, that also may be possible to discover which segments of the molecular loops produce sweet receptor binding.

Both sweet proteins have potential commercial value as low-calorie sweeteners or as blueprints for designing artificial sweeteners based on a better chemical understanding of the sense of sweetness.

A similar analysis, now under way in Professor Kim's laboratory, of the second sweetest known substance may help prove the theory. The substance, monellin, is another taste-active protein. It comes from yet another West African bush. Monellin and thaumatin, Professor Kim said, seem to share five regions of identical amino acid sequences.

By comparing the three-dimensional structure of monellin with that of thaumatin, he said, it may be possible to discover which segments of the molecular loops produce sweet receptor binding.

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Fossils Link Tarsier to Egypt

New York Times Service

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ASHINGTON — There are

30,000 skulls in the Smithsonian Institution, and Dr. T. Dale Stewart Jr. knows them all.

An anthropologist at the museum since 1924, Dr. Stewart, 84, has probably studied more human bones than anyone else at an institution that is said to have the world's largest research collection of human skeletons.

He is theoretically retired. But he

shows up for work every day and is

one of the Smithsonian's best

guardians of institutional trivia and cranial intricacies.

"You see that fellow over there?" he announced, pointing to the cast of one of many skulls on his file cabinet. "It's 45,000 years old."

Dr. Stewart's office is on the

third floor of the National Museum of Natural History at the end of a dusty corridor filled from floor to ceiling with human bones, mostly American Indian and Eskimo, some from as far away as Peru.

At once macabre and intriguing,

this remains help document his

research. He died in Korea, the Pentagon said. When a set of bones was discovered at the bottom of a well in Manassas, Virginia, Dr. Stewart found the clues that determined who the dead man was — a Prohibition-era bootlegger whose assailant had remained at large because there had been no proof that the bootlegger had died. When the U.S. Army discovered a mass grave in Europe and questioned whether it was a result of some modern-day atrocity, it was Dr. Stewart who laid the incident to rest: They were bones from the Franco-Prussian War.

This passion began in his youth, when he and a friend who worked at his parents' pharmacy in Delta, Pennsylvania, unearthed arrowheads and shards of Indian pottery along the banks of the Susquehanna River. His friend, later an archaeologist at the Smithsonian, helped Dr. Stewart secure his first job there. Dr. Stewart later attended medical school at Johns Hopkins University, where he graduated in 1931, and returned to the Smithsonian.

Most recently he has been assessing a mass of bones from Egypt. His figures are 20,000 years old.

Asked what is his field of expertise, Dr. Stewart responded firmly: "Mankind."

Now Dr. Elwyn L. Simons of the Duke University Primate Center in Durham, North Carolina, who for 20 years has excavated a 33-million-year-old deposit in the Fayum fossil beds southwest of Cairo, has found evidence that he said "puts the earliest apes, monkeys and tarsiers together in Africa," suggesting that early tarsiers were an intermediate stage between early and higher primates. Modern tarsiers are native to the Philippines, Malaya, Borneo and the Celebes. Finding a tarsier fossil in Africa was a complete surprise," Dr. Simons said.

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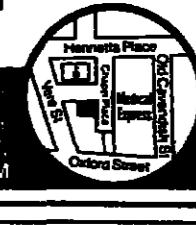
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WALL STREET WATCH

Advice That Might Outwit The Rise and Fall of Dollar

By EDWARD ROHRBACH
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — With the muscle-bound dollar kicking sand now in every other currency's face, memories of just how much a pantwaits the greenback used to be have faded like a suntan in winter.

And exactly a year ago this week, after a month-and-a-half decline that flexed the dollar down to what turned out to be its 1984 low, buy lists on Wall Street began to bulge with stocks of multinationals and other companies whose profits would strengthen in the climate of a weakening U.S. currency.

But these so-called dollar plays turned out to be bad bets, with issues such as Caterpillar

Tractor bulldozing down to around \$30 a share now after topping \$50 last spring.

"While many of us have hoped the dollar plays would work, the non-dollar plays, if you will, remain on a roll," observes A. Marshall Acuff Jr., portfolio strategist at Smith Barney.

He thinks this favoritism in the market will continue if the U.S. currency's strength is sustained, with an increasing number of investors "coming around to participate in stocks that are relatively uncashed by a strong dollar."

Individual issues he sees benefiting over coming months are Tribune Co., Ryland Group and Marion Laboratories, in addition to utilities, regional banks and selected multiline insurance companies on Smith Barney's recommended list.

Yet, Mr. Acuff does recommend some exposure now to stocks that would gain "by a loss in the dollar's momentum." There is the drug group, which he points out would need only stabilization in the dollar to produce better results through currency translation. Also, there's the "deep-dollar plays." And he notes that a stock that has remained on the firm's buy list is Caterpillar.

FRANCIS H.M. Kelly, chairman of the investment policy group at Oppenheimer, also believes investors are likely to focus on equities that do not come into direct competition with imports.

"Once the dollar decline begins," he says, "market leadership can then center on sectors that will enjoy pricing power, improving foreign earnings, faster unit growth or widening margins."

Asked when the dollar will weaken, Stefan D. Abrams, chairman of the firm's stock selection committee, replied: "When people least expect it."

Stocks he recommended when it does happen are Alcoa and Chesapeake Corp., along with Pfizer and Warner-Lambert in the drugs. Generally, he also likes the bank stocks, especially Bank of Boston "under a cloud but statistically very cheap." Other issues he mentioned are Macy and U.S. Tobacco.

"But I'm not wildly bullish now on stocks," Mr. Abrams cautioned. "The Fed has stopped pumping and the market's breadth will narrow."

E.P. Hutton expects the dollar to decline 15 to 20 percent in 1985, yet research director Thomas B. Stiles is positive about Wall Street and suggests that investors "stay with the winners of the 1980s—but get more aggressive within the favored groups."

A sector Hutton aggressively recommended in early January is semiconductors. "In a sense, the semiconductors represent, in today's world, an ideal play on sentiment regarding the economic outlook," Mr. Stiles said. "What steel was to the economy in the 1960s, semiconductors are in the 1980s."

Michael A. Gumpert, who covers the semiconductor industry for Paine Webber, also recommends the group, but cautions that the stocks could still go 5 to 10 percent lower in a flat overall market.

The trigger for a big rally, he said, will be a major recovery in orders. "That didn't happen in February, but it could in March," he added. "The question is, when, not if. One day in the next two

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Currency Rates

Late interbank rates on March 6, excluding fees.
Official fixing for Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, Milan, Paris. New York rates at 2 P.M.

	U.S.	Euro.	D.M.	F.F.	H.L.	Gdr.	B.F.	S.F.	Yen
Amsterdam	2,082	4,104	113,115	27,015	2,014	—	12,779	5,625	123,723
Brussels	2,072	4,094	112,904	26,915	2,004	—	12,759	5,605	123,515
Frankfurt	2,026	3,625	—	22,74	1,867	5,824	8,974	17,25	1,312
London	1,978	3,625	110,773	26,525	4,105	72,235	1,943	27,05	—
Milan	2,134,50	2,257,80	62,225	20,825	—	45,60	30,945	72,00	8,140
New York	1,972	3,285	10,34	2,615,05	3,82	64,25	2,805	26,05	—
Paris	2,025	3,625	113,115	27,015	2,014	—	12,779	5,625	123,723
Tokyo	261,275	275,59	78,95	24,79	12,25	67,05	27,67	39,28	38,25
Zurich	2,019	3,625	110,773	26,525	4,105	72,235	1,943	27,05	—
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Dollar Values

(a) Commercial franc (b) Amounts needed to buy one pound (c) Amounts needed to buy one dollar (*)

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Source: Banque de Belgique (Brussels); Banca Commerciale Italiana (Milan); Chemical

Bank (New York); Banque Nationale de Paris (Paris); IMF (SDR); Banque Arabe et Internationale d'Investissement (dinar, riyal, dirham). Other data from Reuters and AP.

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Long Debate on Targeting By the Fed Is Heating Up

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a parallel lines" approach and a strong argument for enlisting this twice in the battle against "this" rally upward in the base.

It is mostly economists of the monetarist school who support such a change. They argue that the Fed's current practice resulted in too much money being created during the late 1970s, which in turn caused a rise in inflation. To tame the double-digit inflation, the Fed was required to take tight-money countermeasures.

The council's report attracted the attention not only of Wall Street but also of the central bank's Paul A. Volcker, the Fed chairman, told the Senate Banking Committee on Feb. 20. The 1985 targets for money growth, his report stated, contained four parts showing the 1985 trajectory based on both wedges and parallel lines.

Mr. Volcker was noncommittal about whether he thinks the monetarist proposal is a good idea.

"We have sometimes considered," he said, "and others have suggested, a better 'parallel' approach would be to illustrate the gets by a different, but also fairly arbitrary, convention." But Mr. Volcker's mere mention of it may prove to have been an important breakthrough.

According to William Poole, an hour of the council's report who since returned to being a professor at Brown University, the goal is to attack base drift. He maintains that not only is it important to set the proper rate of money with the Fed has fixed a 4-cent to 7-percent range for M-1, narrowed of the measures, for 3 — but to link it to the previous year's target. M-1 includes currency in circulation, travelers checks and checking deposits.

The present system codifies the mistakes into the next year's target," Mr. Poole said in a telephone interview. He likens his proposal to "quality control" practiced by companies.

At present, the Fed takes the

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Soviet Skaters Win Gold Medal in Pairs

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Elena Valova and Oleg Vasilev of the Soviet Union won the first gold medal of the world figure skating championships Wednesday, taking the title after an impressive performance in the free-skating portion of the competition.

In Skokie's view, the international environment in Moscow had begun to settle in last year — the exception of close relations between the two countries, and the growing pressure from the United States.

Valova and Vasilev had trailed compatriots Larisa Selezneva and Alexei Makarov by 3.6 points after Tuesday's short program. But in the free skating, they scored high in artistic impression, receiving four votes of 3.9 points out of a possible 6.

Selezneva and Makarov finished second, and Katherina Matousek and Lloyd Ester of Canada were third. Jill Watson and Peter Oppenheimer of the United States finished fourth.

In ice dancing, the Soviet duo of Galina Bestemianova and Andrei Bukin moved closer to the title with most perfect marks in the original pattern competition. Another Soviet couple, Marina Klimova and Sergei Panin, were second. And Judy Blumberg and Michael Abbott of the United States stood third.

Bestemianova and Bukin, runners-up to Britain's Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean at the last three world championships and at the Sarajevo Olympics, had won the compulsories on Tuesday.

The judges seemed content to keep the status quo. The top seven from the compulsories finished in the same order in the original set pattern.

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Pam Shriver: Sometimes "it feels like I've been around 20 years."

Shriver: The Comeback Kid

*By Peter Alfano
New York Times Service*

PRINCETON, New Jersey — The Comeback Kid removed her pink sweater and walked on the tennis court in Princeton Tuesday, ready to play her first singles match in two and a half months.

She took a deep breath and exhaled slowly, then tossed a ball into the air, signifying still another new beginning in her career. And for those who believe in making a good first impression, let it be duly recorded that Pam Shriver served an ace.

Tennis is a sport that has taken a toll of the young, especially among the women. In their haste to turn professional and make a small fortune on the year-round tour, players are exposed to physical and emotional stresses that can drive them to the sidelines, usually as a last resort and against the wishes of their agents, the sponsors and tournament officials.

Last year, women's tennis lost Tracy Austin and Andrea Jaeger, who were among the top four players. In late November, after playing in the Australian Open with what she called a "dead arm," Shriver decided it was time to put her rackets away, too.

It wasn't the first time, but it was with less reluctance than before. Since turning pro in 1978, Shriver has been bothered by a chronic shoulder injury that she describes as a weakness in the rotator cuff. She also has tennis elbow, a result, she thinks, of trying to compensate for her shoulder.

"That's why it's so important for me to be healthy and able to play hard for two years, so that I can accomplish what people have expected of me — to win one of the nice championships. At least, I'd like to have had an opportunity to say I tried."

Expressing one's hopes and fears often construed as a weakness, but Shriver is willing to take that chance. She came to the news conference after her match with an ice pack on her elbow. Her sweater bulged where another ice pack rested on her shoulder, making it look as if she were a daintily dressed linebacker. She will play through the lingering discomfort, she said.

But she is not going to be foolish, either.

"I see football players and basketball players

crippled at 50, and that's awful," she said. "If this shoulder problem means I have some pain when I'm 40 years old and just playing fun doubles, then I don't care. But if someone told me it could be worse, then I'd bag it now. It just wouldn't be worth it to keep playing."

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ART BUCHWALD

Goodbye, Dan Rather

WASHINGTON — Three well-dressed gentlemen came to see me the other day.

One of them said: "We're from the Jesse Helms Committee to Fire Dan Rather and we're interviewing people to replace Rather on the CBS Evening News."

"Has Dan been fired already?" I asked.

"It's just a matter of time until we have enough stock to get control of the company. Your name was given to us as a staunch conservative who believes in the American way of life, and someone who won't sell out his country."

I blushed. "That's a fair description of myself."

"How do you feel about Dan Rather?"

"I'd like to tear the sweater off his back."

One of the gentlemen smiled. "We were hoping you would say that. The anchorman we're looking for is someone who will report the news without prejudice, while at the same time highlighting the conservative side of the story."

"That's no problem," I said. "If you can't give the conservative point of view on the evening news, you don't have the right to call yourself a journalist."

"How do you feel about secular humanism?" one of the gentlemen asked me.

"I don't think people should engage in it until they're married," I said. "I wouldn't put a secular humanist story on the air because I know a lot of kids are watching."

This seemed to please all three.



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One of them said. "Suppose a woman was raped and wanted an abortion. How would you treat that story?"

"I'd interview Senator Helms and let him tell me why she was wrong."

"How do you stand on the church-and-state issue?"

"I don't believe in the separation of church and state. If I got Dan Rather's job I would start off my show with a prayer every night. No one has the right to keep God off the evening news."

I could tell they were getting very interested in me.

"Are you for an arms agreement with the Soviets?"

"I am certainly not. And I wouldn't hesitate to read from the Bible where it says you can't make a deal with the Russians."

"How would you treat the apartheid problem in South Africa?"

"I'm an anchorman must present both sides of the story. If I had a film showing the South African police killing blacks, I would also make sure I put on President Botha to explain why he had to do it."

"Suppose an official of the Reagan administration admits to beating his wife? Would you report it?"

"I don't consider that news. That's the typical kind of character assassination that the American people are fed up with. A responsible journalist should only report the good things about the government and not the bad."

"Why do you ask?"

"Jesse Helms represents the tobacco interests, and I don't think he'd appreciate it if you ran any stories that would show cigarette smoking causing cancer?"

"Tell the senator he won't ever see the Surgeon General of the United States on his network."

"That's good enough for us. As soon as we get control of CBS we'll be in touch with you."

"You won't be sorry," I assured them. "I can't wait to see the look on Dan Rather's face when I walk into the studio and make him yell 'uncle!'"

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"You're certainly a breath of fresh air," one of the men said. "A final question. How do you feel about cigarette smoking causing cancer?"

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Driving in the Pink Rain

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UNION, New Jersey — Dozens of motorists whose vehicles were stained pink as they drove along a highway during a rain storm will be reimbursed for the damage by the company whose truck leaked the dye. At least 14 drivers whose cars were splashed with contact the Yellow Freight System Inc. of Newark since Monday.

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